

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

November 6-7, 2010

I. Roll Call: Chairman Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Nov. 6.

Region 1	Neela Nelson
Region 2	Linda Mulvihill
Region 3	Carole Bunge
Region 4	Linda Thorberg
Region 5	Char Christensen
Region 6	Pat Panichas
Region 7	Myra Elfenbein
Region 8	Marian Dykes
Asst. Tech. Comm. Chair	Audrey Schweyer
JO Program Director	Connie Maloney

II. GENERAL DEDUCTIONS

Clarification on the application of the "up to 0.30" deduction for landing in a deep squat while performing ACRO ELEMENTS on BEAM: When an Acro element is landed in a deep squat on the beam, followed by a fall, deduct both the "up to 0.3" for deep squat and the "0.5" for the fall.

III. INQUIRIES

As a reminder, no video review is allowed at any Jr. Olympic competition during the processing of inquiries, unless the Jury of Appeals is involved. Please refer to Women's Rules and Policies, page 48. J. 5.

If all of the following inquiry procedures are met, a Jury of Appeals will not be considered. These procedures include:

1. Properly written inquiry by the coach
2. Inquiry submitted in a timely manner to Meet Referee or Meet Director
3. Inquiry reviewed/ answered by the judging panel of the event in question
3. Inquiry returned to Meet Referee or Meet Director
3. MR or MD returns inquiry to coach by hand or by a pre-defined inquiry return procedure.

Only in the case that the proper procedures were not followed, would the Jury of Appeals become involved with the inquiry and could possibly allow a video review, if available.

IV. MEET OFFICIALS OBLIGATIONS/PROFESSIONALISM

A. According to the R & P, page 12, II. E under Judges' Obligations, judges can serve only in the capacity of an official during warm-up and competition. They may not act in a dual capacity (i.e., coach/judge, parent/judge). This ruling would also include a judge acting as the Meet Director or announcer.

- The Technical Committee requested that this statement be added to Judges' Responsibilities on page 75 as I. G. in the *2011-12 Women's Rules and Policies*.

B. A reminder to judges:

- The use of cell phones (talking, texting, etc.) or any type of wireless communication device is prohibited while on the field of play.
- To be considerate of the Meet Director's equipment by refraining from wearing footwear that could be damaging to the mats and/or floor.

C. *Recommendation to add to Judges Obligations, page 12, P. in the Rules and Policies:*

"Refrain from soliciting invitations to judge specific competitions by making direct contact with Meet Directors."

Motion: C. Christensen

Second: L. Thorberg

Passed.

V. CLARIFICATION OF THE MAY 2010 JOINT TECHNICAL AND JR. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE MINUTES REGARDING UNEVEN BARS

A. EXTRA SWINGS: #VI, B stated "that whenever more than one extra swing is performed following a single element, the maximum deduction is 0.60." This ruling applies to both compulsory and optional competition.

B. BACK UPRISE: The criteria for a “B” back uprise can be found in the May Joint TC and JOC minutes (VXI. A.3.). If the gymnast attempts a back uprise to handstand, but does not reach the handstand phase (within 20° of vertical) and there is no closed shoulder angle, there is no such value part listed in the *JO Code of Points*; therefore, the backward swing would be considered as a non-value part (0).

C. BAR CHANGES: #VXI. A. 2. stated that the wording regarding two bar changes for “Level 9” in the *JO Code of Points*, page 66, B.1.b. be changed to : “A fall from the high bar with continuation of the routine (performance of a listed value part element) on the Low Bar is considered as a bar change.”

Clarification: this statement also applies to Level 8 (for Special Requirement) and Level 10 (for composition).

Examples: After a fall, gymnast performs a jump to front support, climbs up on LB and jumps to HB: this is not considered a bar change; however, if from the front support, the gymnast performs a cast, squat on (an “A” value part) then jumps to the high bar, it will be considered a bar change.

VI. OPTIONAL BEAM

A. Backward Acro Series clarification, page 146, III. 1. a. in the *JO Code of Points*:

Arms moving as low as the thighs or further back after landing will break the series.

If the second element in the connection of backward acro elements is a gainer flic-flac or gainer back layout, the arms are allowed to continue circling forward-upward and backward-downward without automatically breaking the connection. The circling action is an inherent arm pattern for gainer-type elements.

B. Clarification of elements listed under #7.403 in the *JO Code of Points*: If listed under the same number, elements can be considered as different if they land on one or both legs; therefore, the only element considered different from the Aerial Cartwheel and its variations is the Aerial Round-off, since it lands on both legs.

VII. FLOOR EXERCISE

A. MUSIC- Please refer to the November 2009 JO Committee meeting minutes – “the musical accompaniment must be recorded with orchestration, piano, or other instruments (without singing). Human sounds are allowed, provided there are no words spoken or sung.” There is a 1.00 deduction for absence of music or for music with words.

B. Clarification regarding #1.305 (2nd description) switch-side leap with $\frac{3}{4}$ turn (C) and #1.404 switch leap with 1/1 turn (D) as to why they have different values: the expectation of the #1.404 switch leap with 1/1 turn (D) requires a cross-split position only. If a side-straddle position is demonstrated, then it considered the C element.

C. A reminder that when a leap or jump is performed that is not found specifically in the *JO Code of Points*, the judge may award comparable Value Part credit if they can recognize the root skill. This includes variations of leg positions as well as landing positions of valued leaps/jumps.

VIII. COMPULSORY CONCERNS

Clarification of the mounting surfaces for Levels 1-6 Bars and Beam: Change the *R & P*, page 82, 6. b. to read: “Any *manufactured mat, skill cushion or padded spotting/skill block* may be used to facilitate the mount.”

IX. 2013 USA GYMNASTICS BREVET AND NATIONAL JUDGES’ COURSES

Many questions have arisen regarding the requirements for eligibility, especially concerning the volunteer credits. The Technical Committee believes that the people aspiring or wanting to maintain National or USA Gymnastics Brevet status must be willing to give back to the sport through volunteering at a minimum of two different functions for a total of 12 hours during the four-year cycle.

A. A specific form to record volunteer hours and Regional/National Clinic hours will be posted online with these minutes as well as broadcast emailed to all judges currently eligible. CPE volunteer hours earned since June 2009 for this purpose may also be used to fulfill an annual CPE requirement.

B. Exemption for volunteer hours: Only USA Gymnastics State, Regional and National Chairmen and NAWGJ State and Regional Judging Directors and National officers are exempt. State Committee/Board members, elected or not, do not qualify for exemption.

C. Volunteer credits may be earned by those who **VOLUNTEER** at:

1. USA Gymnastics State, Regional or National competitions by acting as an auxiliary judge (Master Scorer, Timer, Line Judge) or other assignment approved by the Meet Director or Meet Referee.
2. NCAA Conference, Regional or National Competitions as an auxiliary judge.
3. State or Regional Training Camps - volunteer positions are organized and assigned by the Regional Technical Chairman.
4. NAWGJ National Judges' Cup; however, State Judges' Cups do not qualify for volunteer hours.
5. A Regional Training Camp as a clinician. Volunteer clinicians earn an additional two credit-hours for preparation time for every one hour of lecture.

D. Clinic requirements

1. Must attend two of the following educational events within the current cycle (June 2009-Dec.31, 2013)
 - a. Regional USA Gymnastics Congress
 - b. Regional NAWGJ Symposium
 - c. National USA Gymnasstics Congress
 - d. National NAWGJ Symposium (July 2010)
2. Clinicians at Regional/National educational events will receive an additional two-credit hours for preparation time for every one hour of lecture.

X. The committee spent the majority of the meeting working on the evaluation and selection of skills to be used in creating Technique DVDs for the 2011 Congress presentations.

XI. The next meeting is scheduled for May 16-17, 2011, following JO Nationals in Long Beach, Calif.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.